

In the claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture, comprising at least one cover,
a framework having at least two struts between which the at least one cover extends,
the at least two struts can be moved relative to one another at least in some sections and can be fixed relative to one another via at least one cross strut at least in a tensioned position of the cover,
at least one bevel in at least one of the struts or the at least one cross strut have at least one bevel which makes it possible, when the struts are connected to the at least one cross strut, for the cover to be tensioned
wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut is a screw connection.

13. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the struts have a groove which extends in their longitudinal direction and into which a thickened end of the cover can be placed.

14. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut can be released.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, further comprising ~~wherein~~ at least one of the connecting means having ~~has~~ a pin which can engage in a corresponding hole in the at least one cross strut.

17. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, further comprising ~~wherein the piece furniture has~~

a cross connecting bow with two lower projections which can be placed into upper openings of the at least two struts.

18. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the piece of furniture is a folding chair or stacking chair for the outside or a garden lounger.

19. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 12, wherein the cover consists essentially of textiles.

20. (Withdrawn) A piece of furniture for the outside, comprising at least one cover and a framework having at least two struts, between which the at least one cover extends or can extend at least in some sections,

the at least two struts can be moved relative to one another at least in some sections and can be fixed relative to one another via at least one cross strut at least in a tensioned position of the cover, the furniture includes additional connecting means having at least one bevel,

said connecting means contributing to the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut in such a manner that the cover can be tensioned when the struts are connected to the at least one cross strut.

21. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the struts have a groove which extends in their longitudinal direction and into which a thickened end of the cover can be placed.

22. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut can be released.

23. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut is a screw connection.

24. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least one of the connecting means has a pin which can engage in a corresponding hole in the at least one cross strut.

25. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the piece of furniture has a cross connecting bow with two lower projections which can be placed into upper openings of the at least two struts.

26. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the piece of furniture is a folding chair or stacking chair for the outside or a garden lounger or the like.

27. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the cover consists essentially of textiles.

28. (Currently Amended) A piece of furniture ~~for the outside~~, comprising

at least one cover and

a framework having at least two struts, between which the at least one cover extends ~~or can extend~~ at least in some sections, the at least two struts can be moved relative to one another at least in some sections and can be fixed relative to one another via at least one cross strut at least in a tensioned position of the cover,

the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut is a screw connection, at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut have at least two bevels operatively connected to each other, while tightening of the screw connection causes the at least two bevels to slide along one another in such a way that the cover is tensioned.

29. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the struts have a groove which extends in their longitudinal direction and into which a

thickened end of the cover can be placed.

30. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut can be released.

31. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein at least one of the connecting means has a pin which can engage in a corresponding hole in the at least one cross strut.

32. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the piece of furniture has a cross connecting bow with two lower projections which can be placed into upper openings of the at least two struts.

33. (Currently Amended) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the piece of furniture is a folding chair or stacking chair for the outside or a garden lounger ~~or the like~~.

34. (Previously Presented) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 28, wherein the cover consists essentially of textiles.

35. (Withdrawn) A piece of furniture for the outside, comprising

at least one cover and

a framework having at least two struts, between which the at least one cover extends or can extend at least in some sections, the at least two struts can be moved relative to one another at least in some sections and can be fixed relative to one another via at least one cross strut at least in a tensioned position of the cover,

the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut is a screw connection, the furniture includes additional connecting means having at least

two bevels operatively connected to each other, while tightening of the screw connection causes the at least two bevels to slide along one another in such a way that the cover is tensioned.

36. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein the struts have a groove which extends in their longitudinal direction and into which a thickened end of the cover can be placed.

37. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein the connection between at least one of the struts and the at least one cross strut can be released.

38. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein at least one of the connecting means has a pin which can engage in a corresponding hole in the at least one cross strut.

39. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein the piece of furniture has a cross connecting bow with two lower projections which can be placed into upper openings of the at least two struts.

40. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein the piece of furniture is a folding chair or stacking chair for the outside or a garden lounger or the like.

41. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture as claimed in claim 35, wherein the cover consists essentially of textiles.

42. (Withdrawn) A piece of furniture, comprising
a pair of lateral struts,
a cover extending between and attached to said pair of lateral struts,
at least one cross strut extending between and releasably attached to said pair of lateral struts, the at least one cross

strut separating said pair of lateral struts from one another to keep said cover in tension, and

a connector releasably attaching said at least one cross strut to said pair of lateral struts, said connector having at least one bevel, said bevel biasing said pair of lateral struts apart.

43. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture of claim 42, wherein said connector has two bevels.

44. (Withdrawn) The piece of furniture of claim 42, further comprising grooves in said pair of lateral struts, edges of said cover retained in said grooves.

45. (Withdrawn) A piece of furniture, comprising a pair of lateral struts, a cover extending between and attached to said pair of lateral struts,

at least one cross strut extending between and releasably attached to said pair of lateral struts, the at least one cross strut separating said pair of lateral struts from one another to keep said cover in tension, and

a connector releasably attaching said at least one cross strut to said pair of lateral struts, said connector having means for biasing said pair of lateral struts apart.